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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders, MEDCOM Regional Medical Commands (RMCs)

SUBJECT: Behavioral Health Evaluation and Support to Medically-Evacuated Soldiers

1. Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) Commanders must ensure that all OIF/OEF medically-evacuated Soldiers receive the following three evaluations: (1) Post-Deployment Health Assessment (PDHA); (2) screening for a traumatic brain injury (TBI); (3) routine evaluation by behavioral health personnel; and (4) the Post-Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA).

a. Medically evacuated Soldiers may not receive a PDHA prior to departing combat theater. All Soldiers evacuated to CONUS MTFs must receive a PDHA, whether inpatient or outpatient, when their clinical condition permits. Medically-evacuated Soldiers assigned to Warrior Transition Units (WTUs) must also receive the PDHRA at 90-180 days post-evacuation.

b. Soldiers evacuated from Landstuhl Regional Medical Command receive a TBI screen prior to departure, when clinically indicated and feasible. Receiving MTFs must review this TBI screen or, if not available, conduct TBI screening.

c. All Soldiers evacuated for their wounds and/or medical illness should be evaluated by behavioral health personnel while an inpatient, at a clinically appropriate time. Establish a similar protocol for outpatients.

2. Regional Medical Command Commanders will ensure that all medical personnel are aware of these requirements. Point of contact is COL Elspeth C. Ritchie, Health Policy and Services Directorate, at (703) 681-1975, or elspeth.ritchie@amedd.army.mil.

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